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SUBJECT: LISTENING DEVICE IN ARGENTINE EMBASSY

REF: TRIPOLI 1410

TUNIS FOR RSO, CASABLANCA FOR RTC

1. GENERAL GUIDANCE ON TECHNICAL SECURITY SERVICES TO FOREIGN MISSIONS CAN BE FOUND IN SECTION 5.6D OF THE POST SECURITY OFFICERS HANDBOOK DATED APRIL, 1975.

2. THERE IS NO SIMPLE, RELIABLE DEVICE THAT CAN BE USED TO LOCATE EAVESDROPPING DEVICES.

3. TECHNICAL PENETRATION CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH WIRED MICROPHONES, DROP TRANSMITTERS AND TELEPHONE PENETRATION. TYPE USED PROBABLY DETERMINED BY AMOUNT OF ACCESS SECURITY SERVICE HAD TO ARGENTINE CHANCERY. WIRED SYSTEMS MOST RELIABLE AND LONG LASTING BUT REQUIRE EXTENSIVE ACCESS TO TARGET ROOMS. THIS MOST LIKELY ACCOMPLISHED PRIOR TO OC-

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CUPANCY. USE OF TELEPHONE INSTRUMENTS AS EAVESDROPPING DE-

VICES AND DROP TRANSMITTERS CAN BE IMPLANTED QUICKLY. DROP TRANSMITTERS MUST HAVE BATTERIES REPLACED PERIODICALLY.

4. DETAILED PHYSICAL SEARCH OF OFFICE COULD UNCOVER DROP TRANSMITTER AND PERHAPS DEVICE INSTALLED IN TELEPHONE BUT WOULD PROBABLY NOT LOCATE WIRED SYSTEM.

5. SEVERAL FAIRLY EFFECTIVE COUNTERMEASURES CAN BE TAKEN:

A. HOLD SENSITIVE DISCUSSIONS WHILE WALKING OUT DOORS.

B. IF DISCUSSIONS HELD IN OFFICE SIT IN THE CENTER OF THE ROOM AWAY FROM DESKS, WALLS AND TELEPHONES AND SPEAK IN A LOW VOICE.

C. EFFECTS OF THE ABOVE CAN BE ENHANCED BY SIMULTANEOUS LOUD PLAYING OF RADIO, RECORD PLAYER OR TAPE RECORDER.

D. NEVER DISCUSS SENSITIVE INFORMATION OVER THE TELEPHONE, EVEN ON INTERCOM CIRCUITS.

E. ASSUME RESIDENCES ALSO PENETRATED. NO SENSITIVE DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE HELD THERE.

6. TRUST ABOVE INFORMATION WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO ASSIST ARGENTINES. KISSINGER

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